## Town of Lunenburg

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## **IRRIGATION METERS**

We receive a lot of inquiries about irrigation meters and how to reduce the sewer charges during the hot summer months.

Any homeowner can contract with a licensed plumber to have an irrigation meter installed at their residence. The plumber would take out a plumbing permit with the Town Clerk's office and must advise the Plumbing Inspector of the pending irrigation meter installation.

When the Plumbing Inspector for the Town signs off on the installation, the Sewer Office is advised and the location is added to the quarterly meter reading process, timed to coincide closely with the date that the Water Department takes their readings. At the time of billing, the irrigation reading is deducted from the water reading and the homeowner receives a reduced bill for the water not entering the sewer pipes. The minimum charge of 1000cf applies at all times, and at no time does the irrigation meter credit reduce the usage amount to below 1000 cf.

Be aware that you have to do a substantial amount of landscaping/watering to offset the cost of the irrigation meter installation. A plumber would be able to give you the price to install an irrigation meter.

If you have any further questions, call the Sewer office at 978-582-4160 x8.